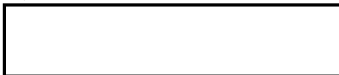


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Mr. James P. Johnston



Dear Mr. Johnston:

This is in reply to your letter of January 4, 1959, addressed to Allen Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence.

It is a policy of the Central Intelligence Agency that no comment is made regarding any statement that appears in the press relating to our alleged activities. In addition, the Director is charged by an act of Congress with protecting sources and methods so that the secrecy of our activities is preserved. You will, therefore, understand why we will not comment on what is said to have appeared in the MOSCOW NEWS regarding the Hungarian situation.

Very truly yours,

/S/ S. J. Grogan

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